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1. The Air Defense Technical Battalion (Légoltalmi Műszaki Zászlóal) was established by the State Police in Budapest in November 1952. It is located in the headquarters of the prefect of the Budapest Police in the former "Adria Palace", on Deák Ferenc tér.
2. The battalion is subordinate to the ARP section of the Ministry of Interior. Supply and billeting is looked after by the State Police.
3. The battalion numbers approximately 600; it consists of recruited technicians and officials. Some 80 of these are trained in the handling of explosives. Most of the recruits are 48-52 years old. At present members wear civilian clothes, but it is planned to equip them with the blue uniform of the State Police. A daily rate (exact amount unknown) is paid to them during training. The men retain their civilian jobs and are considered to be an emergency unit similar to the fire-brigade.
4. The mission of the battalion is to be in charge of ARP for civilian industrial plants in category 3 (civilian industries). Categories 1 and 2 come under the Ministry of Defense. The work includes such jobs as digging out unexploded bombs.

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